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This issue of NUN is reduced in size, partly due to lack of UFO activity... although thereare signs that this is picking up again... and partly due to holidays. Note your editor will be away between September 12 and 29. Emergency communication should be via usual sources. Next month Northern Ufology will be back to full size with a theme of UFOs IN THE PUBLIC EYE:- send in those contributions by Sept 30 on your views about media, publicity, hidden reports and the technique of PR for ufologists.

EDITORIAL: "A message from the UFOs:- or 100 lines, Mr Ufologist! "

In this issue Peter Warrington makes a plea for more original thought on the subject. This is something we currently have no excuse for avoiding as our investigation workload is at a mimimum. Yet have we seen any real sign of this? Sadly no.

I wonder why this might be. Perhaps most of you feel that there is nothing to think about? Do we have all the answers? Clearly any application of logic tells us that this is not so. The whole purpose of our quarterly issues of NORTHERN UFOLOGY is to provide a vehicle for origination around specific topics. Whilst a few researchers seem to revel in this, and turn their minds to producing articles on most themes, the vast majority seem to believe that the absence of something to do on the investigation front gives them the right to an unscheduled holiday. They could not be more wrong.

This subject is baffling. Of that there is no doubt. There is an abject need for us to probe, analyse, think, reason, discuss and speculate. Not so long ago in an editorial I championed UFO writers who do this via books and came into some sticky criticism from one or two quarters where my point was not appreciated. I was not downing or disowning groups, or investigators as such for that matter, but rather pointing out the futility of sitting in the sunshine gathering logs but never quite getting round to building a house. It does not matter if once the house is built it is not exactly what we want. One can always add extensions or, if necessary, knock it down and start all over again. However, one never knows just what we do want unless we start to build. An ever growing pile of logs is as useless to a homeless family as a statistical catalogue alone is to the ufologist. Our log cabins are the theories which we need to propose, test, rebuild and even create afresh when the old ones get withered. This is what is not happening often enough, and that is why we are stagnating.

Recently Peter Warrington, his wife Rosalind, Paul Whetnall and I were spending a social evening together without much thought of UFOs. The conversation turned that way late on and we found ourselves debating an alternative psychological theory for UFO origin. Time passed quickly and many fruitful ideas ping-ponged through the midnight air. We even allowed the intoxication of discovery to lead us to the setting up and testing of an experiment whereby we considered some of the implications of the theory being correct. This experiment required no electronic equipment or complex laboratories. All that it needed was an idea, some lively discussion and four willing guinea-pigs (ourselves!).

It is not important what the actual theory or experiment were (they involve a variant on the researches of Dr Alvin Lawson and Dr Richard Haines in the USA) Tangentially they led to more ideas and more experiments which we intend to continue. In the process we posed some intriguing questions about the whole phenomenon; all resulting from an idle question. The point is that this is the kind of thing that more of you out there must start doing - and, of course, by one means or another you must start reporting on what you are doing. Northern UFO News and Northern Ufology will continue to be one possible vehicle for this.

Right now the UFOs seem to have joined many others in this troubled world and "withdrawn their labour". I have a feeling that, whatever their origin, there is a method in this madness. They are trying to tell us something - and that something very likely involves a swift kick up the backside for a few lazy ufologists!

Results of the cover-quiz:
In the last issue it was suggested you look for John Watson's little man on the covers of Northern Ufology. For the record here are his locations.....
Jan 79 (he's hiding on planet earth); Apr 79 (he's surveying the abduction from a hilltop); Aug 80 (he's back on top of a hill)... and in the 1979 NUN covers look for him lurking in the sea off South Wales and on the new 1980 cover disguising himself as a pylon between the gas coolers)

:: CONFERENCE... A final reminder for you all not to miss the conference at:- Dr Johnsons House Bull St BIRMINGHAM on OCTOBER 11 (10.15 through to 5.30) An exciting theme analyses the UFO Close Encounters with the thoughts of some of Britain's leading workers in the field.Also do not miss the chance to cross examine John Day...a man who has allegedly been abducted along with his wife and family in the classic Aveley encounter.All that plus Frank Johnson on Britain's newest CE4 (from Faringdon,Oxfordshire)(see below)... many special guests; sales tables; exhibitions etc... a day well worth setting aside.Organised by PARASEARCH and UFOSIS tickets cost only £1.00.... available on the day or from:- Andy Collins 19 St Davids Way Wickford Essex SS11 8EX Tel;03744 - 4189

:: Important... it seems that owing to several factors it will not be possible to carry the event over into the Sunday, but there should be more than enough going on throughout the Saturday to make the morning,afternoon and evening well worth the trip to Birmingham.Why not make up a party from your group and split the cost of petrol for the journey...or even contact your neighbour group.

:: Following the conference in Birmingham do not forget the great debate being organised by Birmingham University on November 8. Here ufologists will put their case against the sceptics in a courtroom style battle.Apart from your support on the day we need your help now.To make this truly representitive we need your ideas about points which should be made in the 1½ hour period alloted to the pro-UFO case (later there will be a free-for-all final debate).What do your group regard as telling evidence?..what points should convince science?...how do we present the subject in sensible fashion? Your views please,as soon as possible, to:- Peter Warrington Flat 2; 5 Silverdale Rd Chorlton Manchester M21 1SH

:: Fancy a trip to London? Alexandra Palace stages the Psychic and Mystics Fayre on September 27 & 28 (11.00 to 7.00) Admission £1.00. Details from 01-723-7256 but deals with ancient mysteries,tarot,astrology,psi,UFOs etc.

:: MAUFOG have held their first working party meet to plan the first all British group conference.They now await NUFONs first meet (being organised by Martin Keatman) We can then set a date for this important event.More on this next month.

:: HAPI and the associated "Atmospheric Studies" have a new address.Graham Hall is now at "Lyndale" 23 Linden Rd Hinckley Leicestershire. The HAPI tel no is unchanged, but "Atmospheric Studies" is now Hinckley 614013. You may be interested to know that one of their research projects (analysing temporal distribution of UFO events) successfully predicted a midlands flap in July.If this work continues to be borne out the next wave of any significance in the UK will be early in 1983... although there should be a "mini-flap" in Nov/Dec 1981.

:: Referant to the Oct 11 conference and Frank Johnson's paper on "The Janos People" (his book published by Spearman on Oct 9) watch out for the SUNDAY MIRROR Sept 14, 21 & 28...This features a major series on the case... a previously unpublished abduction involving three people on a lonely Oxfordshire road in June 1978.

:: Finally Syd Henley of NUFOIS asks me to remind all would-be purchasers of copies from the NUFON/UFOIN files to address requests to his home address (5 Frederick Av Carlton Nottingham NG4 1HP)...and make cheques/p.os payable to him not NUFON.

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ELSEWHERE THIS MONTH

FORTEAN TIMES No 32 (£4 pa for four excellent issues...9-12 St Annes Ct London W1) Mysterious cats....mystery blob from the sky...Ufocal study...plus the usual strange stories,reviews,columns and comic strips...There's no excuse for not buying this! MAGIC SAUCER No 10 (25p...8 Ely Close Kidderminster DY11 6EJ)..that delightful childrens magazine that adults love to read too,stories of UFOs from children... PROBE No 2 (£1.80 pa...16 Marigold Walk Ashton Bristol BS3 2PD) Nice new glossy from NUFOR (SW) articles,pictures,reports from SW England.

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FORTHCOMING NEW ATTRACTIONS

I have been able to compile a list of new books to look out for from various sources.First off Sep 25 Souvenir publish in hardback (£6.95) John Fuller's "The Interrupted Journey".This account of the Betty & Barney Hill abduction was first published in the USA in 1965.This is the first UK edition with some new material,

Oct 9 Spearman produce Frank Johnson's "The Janos People" in hardback.In a busy month Star churn out a paperback of Von Buttlar's awful rip-off "The UFO Phenomenon" (nothing new in that) NEL produce two exciting new hardbacks Ronald Story's mammoth "Encylopedia of UFOs"(hundreds of pages,contributions from many leading workers but a mammoth price too,£9.95) Plus Robert Rickard's "Photographs of the Unknown" a potpouri of photographs of mysterious phenomena (inc UFOs).Finally in Jan Granada bring out a hardback from best-selling writer Charles Berlitz.Called "The Roswell Incident" it appears to be an American CE3 case, no doubt in his inimicable style,as displayed in his popular,but dubious,Bermuda Triangle books.

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ON DECLINING AN INVITATION, AND THE ELEPHANT-FLAP EFFECT Peter Warrington

Recently I declined an invitation to speak at the NUFON conference in Birmingham.I had been asked to talk about the Stonehenge film, a case I consider has had adequate airing within NUFON and upon which there is little new to say (save for some points in analysis of witness attitudes towards the investigation)

My principal reason for declining is that the programme looks as though it will alreadybe cramped and congested.Why is it that each conference is crammed full of events and speakers? Almost everyone who attends complains,yet someone goes away and organises another one equally cramped? In a number of instances the programme is padded with accounts of recent cases,and these (no matter how interesting) have pushed what few research papers there were into the background.There is a danger that conferences could become verbal catalogues of recent UFO events.Such reports have appeared,and will continue to appear,in the journals.There ought to be little demand for such things at conferences,and what demand there is should be cateredfor by separate discussion meetings (such as those NUFON holds at its regular meetings).

It is worth mentioning here that the laws of copyright do not apply to facts, such as UFO reports,and notes prohibiting discussion of UFO events,such as have recently accompanied certain people's published reports,are worthless if not pretentious.They also damage the image of the organisations to which such workers belong.The valuable time at conferences ought to be set aside for original thought on the many enigmas which the subject has generated.

It was on this subject of original thought that one of my elephants was speaking to me the other day (I have quite a few at home,you see) He - the elephant- has not got a name (unlike Grisonne,who is Aime Michel's cat) - or at least he has never told me if he has.Anyway he was telling me of his suprise as he read Aime Michel's article "The Cat-Flap Effect" in FSR Vol 25 No 5.He reminded me - elephants never forget -that I had written a remarkably similar article as a paper for the NUFON conference in Sheffield in May 1976 (published in the NUFON conference proceedings as "Move down the Universe please - hold tight!")

For those with less responsive memories my article concerned the size and scope of the universe,what things it might contain,and the suggestion that it requires only one sufficiently advanced civilisation to maintain a watching brief over the rest of us,and hinder or assist our progress in solving puzzles.Let me quote from Michel's article (which it seems might be his parting words on the subject), "The Cat-Flap is the technology of the first interstellar voyage: the first civilisation to cross the Cat-Flap point explodes, literally, into Galactic space and occupies it totally,within a negligible period of time (ie between one and ten million years) compared to the cosmological durations of time which are registered not in millions of years, but in billions...." And what did I have to say?..."If a situation did exist where physical transport was uneccesary then what is to stop an intelligence existing in the universe on a level,for want of a better word,that is far more aware than at first imagined.Totallyaware of the actions,and even thoughts,of fellow inhabitants of the cosmos.So much so that the end product is a continuous monitoring process of every conceivable action from physical motion to primitive thought....It would only need one such colony to exist for the theory to have a good chance of working...In this case the solving of the (UFO) problem might be a short cut to a higher rung on the ladder, or an intelligence test to interogate our initiative before acceptance or rejection from the universal united nations.It could be that what we see as the UFO phenomenon is a by-product,by design or otherwise,of their existence...."

My elephant awarded me 9.95 for content and two buns and an acacia branch for original thought...and then sauntered off to browse something called NORTHERN UFOLOGY ???

UFO INDUCED PARALYSIS? Nov 25 1978 Nottingham CE1 Physio Level B

FS is aged 52,married,former regular army man recently disabled due to high blood pressure and a diagnosed anxiety complex.Having trouble sleeping (not uncommon) at 04.25 on Aug 26 1977 he did routine tasks (eg take out the ash-can) to help him self.The sky was clear and he saw two W LITS,blinking and moving very high on a course from the SW,taking 3 minutes to cross to the N.Discounting satellites and aircraft (which he is used to seeing) he scanned the sky withbinoculars for 15 months and saw 35 of these lights.On Nov 25 1978 at 04.30 he saw,as usual,the lits move SW-NE,but overhead it altered course to move N and through binoculars grew in size to that of a saucer at arms length,flourescent white and trembling at the edges.FS felt great fear rising and the right hand side of his head went numb.He dropped the binoculars,rushed into the kitchen with his right arm numb now also.A feeling of impending doom overwhelmed him (His anxiety complex presumably).He says that he knew that if he did not clear away the awful feeling he would die.He began to perform silly tasks (turning on the water tap,reading out book titles aloud etc) and after 15 minutes the numbness subsided,but he felt "very rough" for about an hour.He regarded this experience as a warning,burnt all his UFO books and "gave up" UFOs altogether.Four months later he reported to his doctor fearing he might have had a stroke.A specislist felt his illness was caused by his anxiety complex and FS now claims to be at peace,having taken up an allotment instead of the more hazardous pursuit of UFO spotting! Obviously this case has some importance to those interested in the psychology of UFO reactions.The witness wrote after reading "British Viewpoint" (he having accepted that UFOs have a psychological origin!) It is unlikely he will be amenable to investigation by the local group. 77-326

ENCOUNTER GENERATES SUPER-STRENGTH IN WITNESS MUFORA report 79-142

KBJ,an ambulance driver and former NCO in the Army,married and with a family now resident in Cheshire,wrote following having read UFOs:A BRITISH VIEWPOINT.He had two encounters to relate.The first,and less interesting,is the most recent.

September 15 1979...21.36... a clear cloudless night at Salford ambulance station. Waiting between calls and watching meteorites etc two LITS seen over Stockport moving E-W.Dull red with a light edge and a halo of orange surrounding them and making them look fuzzy.They moved in a "tag" fashion, not linked to one object but moving close together and independantly.They took 20 seconds to move across the sky.There was no sound.MUFORA consider it feasible that these were in fact two birds reflecting the sodium streetlighting from their underbellies.

September 1968...03.00...Dakelia army barracks in Cyprus.KBJ was guarding part of the upper floor of the barracks with a large dog (a Turkish Wolfhound) Suddenly he was attracted by the dog growling with his fur sticking up higher than ever seen before or since.This was most unusual since the dog was up to then afraid of nothing.KBJ sensed that the dog was alert to a movement outside,and there had been recent terrorist activity.He tried to calm the animal down,but it refused to respond.It then began to cry and shake before crawling underneath the bed.KBJ then became aware of a high pitched sound,acute and penetrating inside his head.With this he opened the door,leading onto a small landing and stairs immediately opposite,to see what went on.To his horror KBJ saw something coming up the stairs, with at first just the top of the head visible,but climbing to reveal the upper part of the torso in the next few seconds.It was humanoid with a light blue tight-fitting suit.The neck had a "dog-collar" on it which was thick with lugs. The face itself was flat and had an orange glow to it.The eyes were very large (2½ inches across) and glowed red.The hair was red,thick and rough,about four inches long and sticking out in all directions. The apparition appeared to float rather than climb and swivelled its head in a totally impossible fashion,almost 180 degrees to face KBJ full on.Not suprisingly,at this,he slammed the door shut. The high pitched sound has increased and KBJs hands were shaking and his teeth chattering.He had locked the door and sat on the bed terrified,The dog was whimpering violently,still under the bed.A sliding noise then approached the door and KBJ picked up his spear-gun from beside the bed.Normally this can only be loaded with great difficulty underwater.He pushed it home past the normal limit instantly amd only great control kept him from firing it through the door.After a few moments the noise slid away and the high-pitched sound stopped.He was still sat on the bed shaking and holding the gun at 04.15 when a guard arrived.KBJ says his arm,leg and shoulder joints ached for a week and the dog turned overnight into a devout coward throwing its legs up into the air on its back at any threat - no matter how insignificant.